(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Adequate steps 'nave been taken by Archaeological Survey of India as per the recommendation of the Expert Committee to ensure structural stability and preservation of sculptured panel etc.

Setting up of Technology Mission by Railways

552. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new technology missions soon for the railways to develop its own technology for the future; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the progress about the 15 year corporate plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. RDSO has submitted its technology development plan in which five Missions have been identified for technology development:—

Mission I; To develop technology for operation of 4500 T freight services at double the existing average speeds on mixed traffic routes;

Mission II: To develop technology for operation of passenger services up to 160 kmph on mixed routes and 200 kmph on dedicated routes;

Mission III: To develop technology for heavy haul freight trains upto 1800 T trailing loads at 75 kmph;

Mission IV: To develop technology for upgradation of Metre Gauge systems covering passenger- and freight services and transhipment facilities; and

Mission V: To develop capacity for absorbing futuristic technologies.

(b) Indian Railways Corporate Plan 1985—2000 has been finalised and published.

Impounding of Shipping Corporation of India ship "Vishwa Nandin" by Bombay Customs

553. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO;
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vessel of the Shipping Corporation of India "Vishwa Nandini" was impounded by the Bombay Customs on charges of smuggling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge quantities of narcotics and brown sugar were seized from the ship; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the crew, employees of a public sector undertaking, who have been engaging themselves in this anti-national activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. have referred to the Shipping Master, Bombay, cancellation of registration for employment of the 2 crew members who were found to be involved by the customs authorities.

तार विभाग द्वारा हड़ताल

554. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :
श्री रशीद मसूद :
श्री गुरुदास दास गुप्त :
श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में तार विभाग के अनेकों कर्मचारी